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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
YUTAKA TAKANO, ET AL.
Application No.: 09/496,041
Filed: February 2, 2000
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
PURINE NUCLEOTIDES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please rewrite the abstract as follows:

Sub B7
--Purine nucleotides are produced by culturing in a
medium a microorganism having the ability to produce a
precursor of the purine nucleotide and carrying an introduced
DNA which can express an enzyme capable of synthesizing the